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IN ASSEMBLY,

January 15, 1869.

ANNUAL REPORT ✓OF COMMISSIONERS FOR ERECTING THE WILLARD
ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

To the Hon. W. F. ALLEN, Comptroller of the State of New York:

The commissioners for erecting the Willard Asylum for the Insane, at Ovid, respectfully report that on the first day of January 1868, there remained in their hands \$1,397.40. During the year there has been received from the State treasury \$65,000; from wood sold for burning lime, \$267; and from grass and pasture sold, \$410.33; making the total receipts for the year ending December 31st, \$67,074.73.

During this period there has been expended for building purposes, and work incidental to it, \$66,375.24.

The balance in the hands of the commission at the date of this report, is \$699.49.

Accompanying this report is a statement showing the nature of the disbursements, vouchers for which, in detail, have been deposited in your office.

During the past two years and a half, work* has been in progress upon the center building: one section of the wing for males and females, with an appendage to each for water closets, bath rooms and

wash rooms; a kitchen building, and a building for the boilers, engine, and workshop.

These several structures are adjacent, and have a necessary relation to each other. The center building, kitchen and boiler house, are on a scale to answer the present and prospective wants of the asylum. The two sections of wings have accommodations for 250 patients with their attendants.

These buildings are erected and roofed. The two wings are plastered; the door frames are in place; the heating apparatus and water closet and bath fixtures are completed; the floors are nearly laid, and the larger proportion of the window guards and sash inserted. The commission have on hand, or in course of preparation, the doors and locks, flooring, kitchen range, washing apparatus, dining room fixtures and the sewer pipe necessary to put the wings in readiness for furnishing for occupation.

The center building, second floor of the kitchen building, designed to be used for an assembly and chapel room, and the boiler house, are in an unfinished state.

Two reservoirs have been in course of construction upon the asylum farm; one located at the highest elevation of the farm, is completed. A wood pipe, four inches in diameter, connects this reservoir with a second, now nearly completed, located at an altitude of one hundred feet above the site of the asylum. From the second reservoir water is to be conveyed through iron pipe to the asylum buildings. These reservoirs will be supplied from springs, and aside from meeting the daily wants of the asylum without the expense of pumps and tanks, will furnish an abundant reserve to meet the contingency of fire.

Proposals for making iron and wood sash, doors and frames, iron and wood pipe, and digging the water pipe trench were solicited, and the contracts for the work were awarded to the lowest bidder. The heating apparatus, pipe and fixtures for bath rooms and closets, kitchen range and washing apparatus, were purchased on favorable terms, and the arrangement and fittings have been carried on under the direction of the commission. The work of finishing, including the laying of floors, setting and fitting of frames and window sash, has been performed by mechanics in the employ and under the personal direction of the building superintendent. The manufacture of brick has been conducted on the premises as during the preceding year, by the building superintendent at a cost of \$6.45 per thousand.

In all these operations the interest of the State, and the durability of the work, have been subserved.

Deeming it wise to utilize the buildings as rapidly as their condition would admit, an estimate was presented in the last report for finishing and furnishing all the buildings then in course of erection. The appropriation made by the Legislature, however, was far short of the sum requisite for this purpose. Of the appropriation made last year there remains undrawn about \$25,000. This sum will be required as rapidly as it can be drawn to meet the obligations incurred in the final payment upon the building contract, and in the purchase of a heating apparatus, sewer pipe, iron and wood pipe, kitchen range, washing machine, doors and sash, labor, &c., all of which are upon the premises or represented in the building.

In the present state of the buildings it should be distinctly understood and pressed upon the notice of the proper department of the government, that an appropriation promptly made in the early part of the ensuing session of the Legislature will ensure the opening of the asylum for patients during the next spring. If, however, the appropriation is not available until the close of the session much delay will necessarily ensue, and the greater portion of the summer spent in necessary preliminaries. Undoubtedly such an institution can be most economically, conveniently and advantageously opened in the spring. At this season the farm may be put in condition to yield those products which conduce to the economical support of a household. During the spring and summer months patients may be transferred to the asylum with the least discomfort, and those arrangements best be made to prepare for winter.

In urging the progress of the work begun to its completion as rapidly as possible, it is not deemed essential to recall the circumstances that led to the creation of this asylum, the wisdom and humanity of which will, it is fully believed, be shown by the disclosures which the forthcoming report of the Board of State Charities will make concerning the condition of the insane poor in the poor houses, for which it is the special province of this asylum to furnish relief.

It is made our duty not only to report the progress which has been made in the erection of the buildings, but the probable cost of completing the same. Accordingly, the following estimate of the cost of finishing and furnishing the buildings now erected is presented:

Center building: plastering, doors, frames, floors, labor, &c.,	\$15,000 00
Connecting wings between kitchen and dining rooms, ..	1,000 00
Setting boilers and engines; making connection with heating apparatus,	5,000 00
Laundry,	4,000 00
Ovens and fixtures,	1,000 00
Plumbing,	800 00
Gas apparatus and fixtures,	2,000 00
Completion of water supply,	1,000 00
Furniture for 300 patients and attendants and center building,	15,000 00
Modification and alteration of agricultural building, ...	12,000 00
Total,	<u>\$56,800 00</u>

Standing upon the asylum farm is the building erected for the purposes of the State Agricultural College. This building is a large, substantial brick structure, capable of accommodating 150 to 200 persons. It is not adapted to the reception and care of the insane in its present condition. It will require extensive alterations, and addition of water-closets, bath-rooms, window-guards, a kitchen, warming fixtures, &c. In the above estimate is an item of \$12,000 for these purposes.

For the purpose of adding to the north wing the section to complete it, the following estimates are submitted, based upon the experience in building during the past two years:

2,000,000 brick laid, at \$12.50 per thousand,	\$25,000 00
280 cords stone laid, at \$13,	3,640 00
225,000 feet lumber, at \$15,	3,375 00
370 squares slate, at \$14,	5,180 00
Excavating 3,000 y'ds, at 30 c'ts,	900 00
Carpenters' labor,	14,000 00
282 w. frames, at \$3.50,	916 50
Three sets of fire proof stairway,	1,800 00
19,568 y'ds plastering, at 35 c'ts,	6,848 80
Iron cornice, gutters, and tin work,	6,000 00
Flooring,	7,000 00
Cut stone,	6,000 00
Plumbing and water supply,	5,000 00
Iron guards,	3,500 00
Heating apparatus,	6,150 00
	<u>\$95,310 30</u>

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures during the year, ending Dec'r 31st, 1868.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand January 1st, 1868,.....	\$1,397 40
Received from the Comptroller,.....	65,000 00
wood sale,	267 00
grass,	410 33
Total,	<u>\$67,074 73</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Building contract,.....	\$15,973 98
Engine and boiler,.....	5,000 00
Cut stone,	2,005 63
Lime,	1,343 36
Rough stone,.....	261 90
Sawing and matching flooring,.....	1,210 84
Digging water trench,.....	900 00
Plastering,.....	4,697 69
Brick and stone work,.....	3,621 58
Doors and frames,.....	2,068 00
Wood sash,.....	258 60
Iron guards and sash,	1,658 03
Water closet and bath fixtures and pipe,	2,611 92
Brick making,.....	4,509 12
Labor of carpenters and mechanics,.....	9,124 86
Material and labor,.....	5,680 94
Commission and architect,	1,815 31
Miscellaneous expenses,.....	3,633 48
Balance in hands of Commissioners unexpended, Jan'y 1st, 1869,	699 49
	<u>\$67,074 73</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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OVID, N. Y., Jan'y 4, 1869.

